

Stalin Quotes

- *Death solves all problems: no man, no problem.*
- *A single death is a tragedy, a million is a statistic.*
- *Leave them in peace . . . we can always shoot them later.*
- *In the future, there will be fewer but better Russians.*
- *I trust no one, not even myself.*
- *Education is a weapon whose effects depend on who holds it in his hands and at whom it is aimed.*
- *The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything.*
- *If you kill one man, you are a murderer. If you kill a thousand man, you are a conqueror. If you kill everyone, you are God.*

What
does
this say
about
the
man?

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Stalin & Mussolini Readings

In groups:

- Read through the topic sentences, discuss the validity of the statement, and jot down supportive facts based on your vast knowledge of history
- Each person will read then a separate excerpt on Stalin
- When finished, share facts from your excerpt that support or refute each statement

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1. Stalin used totalitarian means to govern the USSR.

- Show trials
- Command economy
- Only 1 political party allowed
- Used propaganda
- Murdered opposition
- Revised history
- Collective farming

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2. Stalin came to and held power in the USSR by legitimate means.

- Used propaganda to denounce and undermine opponents (Trotsky)
- Manipulated Communist Party to become leader
- Made up lies to discredit opponents

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3. Joseph Stalin set realistic goals and used realistic means to achieve them.

- 5 - Year Plans shortened to 4 years - workers and managers were punished if goals were not met
- Did increase industrialization by 400% in 15 years (1928-1941) - mostly heavy industry
- Collectivized farming initially hurt agriculture as millions starved

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4. Joseph Stalin helped turn the USSR into a great industrial nation.

True - Became the second largest industrial nation and forced modernization

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5. Stalin's Great Purges were a necessary step in solidifying power.

Hmmm. They eliminated opposition and sent a strong and clear message to potential enemies to support him OR ELSE!!! Directed mainly at communist party members.

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6. Stalin used the media to promote his power in the USSR.

True - manipulated the media by editing photos to show him, not Trotsky, as Lenin's right-hand man, movies glorified him, artists and writers were censored

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7. Stalin was a fair and just man when dealing with his people.

- Killed opposition
- Trumped up charges against enemies
- Forced collectivization
- Great Purges
- An equal-opportunity murderer

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1. Mussolini used totalitarian means to govern Italy

- Rigged elections
- Limited free elections
- Outlawed all political parties (except Fascist)
- Arrested opponents
- Disbanded labor unions
- Limited free speech, free press

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2. Mussolini came to and held power in Italy by legitimate means

- March on Rome - 1922 - King Victor Emmanuel III appointed him Prime Minister, later given dictatorial power for one year by the king and parliament

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3. Mussolini set realistic goals and used realistic means to achieve them.

- He sought an imperialist empire and gained only Ethiopia
- Wanted all to be fascist, but compromised with other groups

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4. Mussolini helped turn Italy into a great industrial nation.

- No - Italy did not have the key ingredients for industry (natural resources, transportation, etc.)

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5. Mussolini's agreement with the church was a necessary step in solidifying his power.

- Yes - the 1929 Lateran Agreement recognized that most Italians were Catholic. He could not be at odds with it. The LA recognized the Vatican as an independent state and Mussolini agreed to give financial support to the church.

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6. Mussolini used the media to promote his power in Italy.

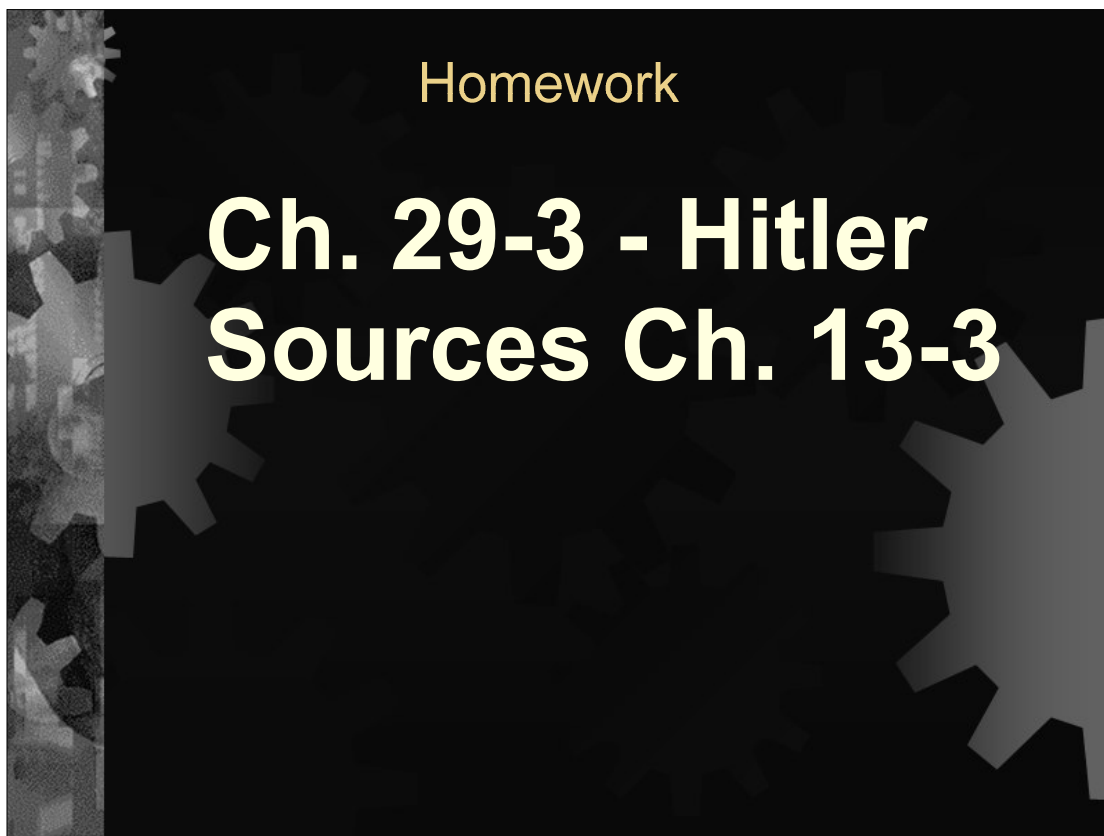
- He portrayed himself as a devoted family man, which he was not
- He formed youth programs to indoctrinate the young people

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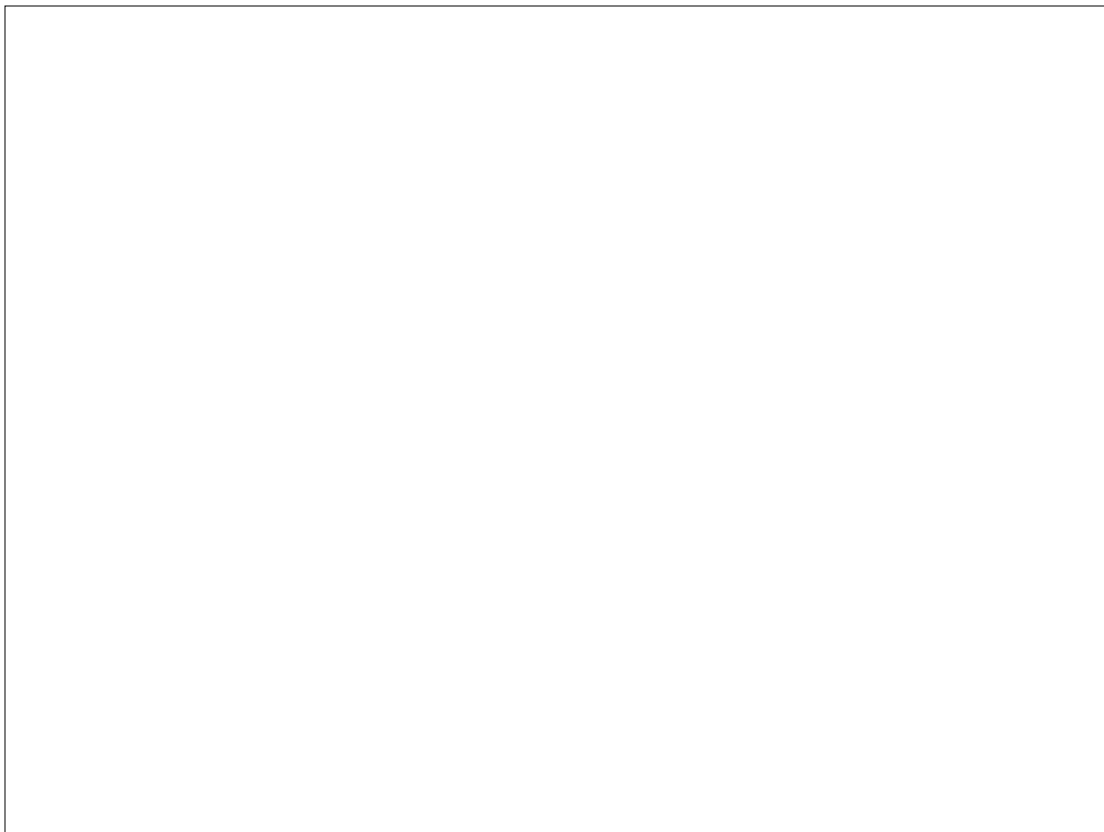
7. Mussolini was a fair and just man when dealing with his people.

- Harsh toward women - abolished divorce, told them to stay home and have baby fascists
- Taxed unmarried men
- Women couldn't hold many top jobs
- No racial laws until 1938

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